

Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.  
Monday, April 4, 2016, 4:00 pm  
Black Diamond Ranch Club  
Lecanto, Florida

Present: Mary Jane Bower, Foster Lamm, Jill Ludowese, Charlotte McKim, Joan Plunkett, Sue Pratt, Jon Radabaugh, Kent Rinker, Mark Yerman

Absent: Dave Burns, Dick Ragatz, Susan Savard

Guests: Roger Ross, Executive Director, Community Food Bank of Citrus County  
Duane Deuker, President, Board of Directors, Community Food Bank of Citrus County  
Jay Joines, Past Chairman, Black Diamond Foundation

**1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm, April 4, 2016.**

**2. Presentations**

**Community Food Bank of Citrus County**

Mr. Ross has joined the Community Food Bank as the new Executive Director. He has been involved with food pantries and food distribution during his over 40 years with the Salvation Army in the mid-west. He has come out of a brief retirement to work for the Community Food Bank of Citrus County, focusing on roles of fund raising and community relations.

Mr. Dueker presented written materials and gave the Foundation Board an update on the Food Bank's operations and current financial position.

Last year, Black Diamond Foundation committed \$60,000 over a three-year period to help the Food Bank purchase a commercial refrigeration truck to support food pantry operations. Mr. Ross and Mr. Dueker have looked at new and used truck models, and are getting closer to making a purchase decision. A new truck will cost approximately \$125,000. The truck will be used to pick up food at various commercial venues, as well as deliver products to several of the local community agencies they serve.

The second \$20,000 installment from Black Diamond Foundation to the Community Food Bank was made during today's meeting, and a photograph was taken to commemorate the occasion.

**3. Approval of Minutes, February 29, 2016**

The Minutes of February 29, 2016, were approved as submitted.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Susan Savard forwarded the Monthly Financial Report prior to today's

meeting. As of March 31st, the Foundation had assets totaling \$227,716.64; of that total \$177,716.64 are considered unrestricted funds. To date in 2016, the Foundation has provided \$87,300 in community grants.

Flag sales for the Rider Cup yielded \$420. A big thank you to Charlotte McKim, who purchased the flags that were sold to Rider Cup participants.

The annual appeal has netted 23 member contributions totaling \$13,140 as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, which is down approx\$4,000 from the same period last year. Susan has processed 25 memorial contributions for Jim Filby, and 5 for Perry Anderson.

Jay Joines spoke briefly about the Birdies for Charity contributions for 2016, which were also down year over year by roughly \$17,400.

## **5. Community Grant Requests**

### **Citrus County Education Foundation**

The CCEF provides resources to support Citrus County schools to enhance the quality of education. Sue Pratt reported that CCEF has renewed their annual request for curriculum grant funding to assist Citrus County teachers. These grants of up to \$1,000 will help local teachers provide innovative, literacy-based projects and enhance classroom instructional activities. Black Diamond Foundation has sponsored this program since 2006.

**MOVED BY: KENT RINKER**  
**SECONDED BY: CHARLOTTE MCKIM**

**That Black Diamond Foundation, Inc. grant \$4,000 (Four thousand dollars) to the Citrus County Education Foundation, Inc. to support curriculum grants for Citrus County teachers during the 2016/2017 school year.**

**APPROVED.**

## **6. Old Business**

### **Development Committee**

Foster Lamm will chair the Development Committee. Treasurer Susan Savard will serve as a committee member. He has asked other members of the Board to volunteer if they have the desire to work on fund raising initiatives on behalf of the Foundation.

Foster's role will be to formalize our fund raising processes, to expand opportunities for giving, and vet the organizations to whom we give.

He discussed the timing of our Annual Appeal, and the potential for aligning it with Birdies for Charity window to capitalize on bonus funds.

We have had decreasing revenues over the past year, and Foster and his committee will explore ways to turn that around.

### **Florida Chamber Music Project (FCMP) Concert**

The Florida Chamber Music Project String Quartet will perform at Black Diamond on May 15, 2016. Jill Ludowese has tickets for sale, \$35 for adults and \$15 for students K-12. The proceeds will benefit the Citrus Youth Orchestra.

### **Community Outreach Partners**

Jill Ludowese prepared and distributed a list of points of contact for charitable organizations in the local area.

## **7. New Business**

### **Free Dental Clinic Open House**

Kent Rinker noted that the Open House for the Nature Coast Ministries Free Dental Clinic will be held April 23 and April 24 in their Crystal River facility.

### **Take Stock in Children Recognition of Black Diamond Foundation**

Pat Lancaster, Program Coordinator for Take Stock in Children in Citrus County, will recognize Black Diamond Foundation's 2016 community grant at their annual graduation and awards ceremony at the College of Central Florida on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jill Ludowese will attend.

### **YMCA Recognition of Black Diamond Foundation**

YMCA of the Suncoast will open its new Lecanto facility on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Joanna Castle, Executive Director of the Citrus County Program Branch, would like to recognize Black Diamond Foundation's contributions supporting their summer camp program on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the YMCA Advisory Board Meeting. Jill Ludowese and Charlotte McKim will attend.

## **8. Articles for Club Newsletter – “Happenings”**

Copy is due to Sally Ince ([since@blackdiamondranch.com](mailto:since@blackdiamondranch.com)), by stated suspense.

May	CCEF Curriculum Grants	Sue Pratt	due Apr 15
June	Dental Clinic Open House	Joan Plunkett	due May 15
July	YMCA Summer Camp	Jill Ludowese	due Jun 15
August	Roger Ross Interview	Charlotte McKim	due Jul 15
September	CF Scholarship Recipient Notes	Jill Ludowese	due Aug 15
October	Pro-Am Update	Jim Ludowese	due Sep 15
November	Birdies for Charity	Foster Lamm	due Oct 15

**9. Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The Board will meet next on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 2:00 pm in the Black Diamond Ranch Welcome Center Conference Room. Additional meeting dates for 2016 are: November 7, and December 5. It was determined today that we will not have a quorum available for a meeting in October 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm, Monday, April 4, 2016.

*Joan Plunkett*, Secretary  
Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.

Friday, April 22, 2016